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Applicants : Toshihiro TANAKA et al.

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For : METHOD OF JUDGING INFLAMMATORY DISEASE

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132**

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Sir :

We, the undersigned, Toshihiro Tanaka and Koichi Ozaki, do solemnly declare as follows:

1. That we, along with Yozo Ohnishi, Aritoshi Iida, Yusuke Nakamura, and Masatsuga Hori, are the sole inventors of the above referenced application.
2. That we, along with Yozo Ohnishi, Aritoshi Iida, Yusuke Nakamura, and Masatsugu Hori, co-authored the article "Functional SNPs in the lymphotoxin- $\alpha$  gene that are associated with susceptibility to myocardial infarction" published in the December 2002 issue of Nature Genetics (Vol. 32 p. 650).
3. That the other authors, Akihiko Sekine, Ryo Yamada, Tatsuhiko Tsunoda, Hiroshi Sato, and Hideyuki Sato, were merely working under the direction of the inventors.

4. We, the undersigned, further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-captioned application or any patent issuing therefrom.

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Date

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Koichi Ozaki